

COUNCIL SPECIAL ACTION MINUTES
JUNE 18, 2014

The City Council held a special action meeting on Wednesday, June 18, 2014, at 6:27 p.m., in the Council Chambers, 10 North Main Street, Cedar City, Utah.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Maile Wilson; Councilmembers: Ron Adams; John Black; Paul Cozzens; Don Marchant; Fred Rowley.

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Rick Holman; City Attorney Paul Bittmenn; City Engineer Kit Wareham; City Recorder, Renon Savage; Finance Director Jason Norris; Police Lieutenant Darin Adams; ACO Officers Zach Banz and Stenson Bergstrom; Leisure Services Director Dan Rodgerson; Economic Development Director Brennan Wood.

OTHERS PRESENT: Ron Larsen, Cindy Lime, Barry Lime, Deborah Snider, Carol Ann Modesitt, Tyler Brown, Olyvia Lindgren, Fred C. Adams, R. Scott Phillips, Staci J. Carson, Bob Platt, Justin Barnes, Marc Wittwer, Kirt Brown, Jacque Marchant, David Nyman, Kevin Robison, Holly Coombs, Marvin Dodge, Doug Hall, Tom Jett, Michael Beach.

APPROVE A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2014-15 BUDGET

- JASON NORRIS : Jason – we have been through several versions, the only change is the reduction of Chamber from \$6,000 to \$2,000 and there are no other changes. Adams – from my perspective I think it is a poor decision, I think we are sending a message that we don't support what the Chamber does, I have a horrible feeling in my stomach that we are cutting them off. It sends a message to the business people and anyone that comes to Cedar City as we have seen in the past few weeks with the new companies joining the chamber. I am not in favor of that item being reduced. I can't vote against the entire budget, but I want to express my feelings on that. Black – I don't share that feeling, from a budget standpoint, it is a tougher budget that we have done in quite a while and we are looking for a return on an investment, and what we give to Byron is a return. I appreciated the Chamber coming in, especially David. The dialog was great and it set guidelines, if I were on the other side I would have concerns that the City doesn't know what we do. I think you will see changes. We asked what we want them to do with the \$2,000 and I think that is up to them. Maybe that can be increased next year, but we had concerns and items that we wanted addressed. I don't think the message is anti-chamber or anti-business, we are just critical of our budget and we made a decision on what is best rate of return.

Cozzens –I appreciate them coming in. I think they are taking this personal, Scott indicated to me that he didn't think we should have Byron's position. I told him that he has proven himself over and over again. When we give the Chamber \$6,000 and they give us \$3,000 back, we are only cutting them \$1,000. The County pulled \$12,000 from Festival Hall, the money for the interchange fence for \$20,000 and the prairie dog fence for \$30,000. If we give an increase we are taking it from somewhere else in the City. It

was a return on investment decision and we want to keep Byron it was a good decision. I think they are taking it too personal. Marchant – I think we did the Chamber some good by telling them some of our expectations. People that come to town join, but they have expectations. We need to work cooperatively to see that businesses thrive and do the best they can by a greater activity from the Chamber. Cozzens – the 27 years I have been in business, I have never been asked to join, I did join when I was elected to office. To make up that shortfall, they could knock on 12 businesses and make up that money. Maybe more effort on their part could bring that up. Black – we all have situations in the budget that we would have liked to have seen go a different way, but just because we didn't like that we don't vote against the budget.

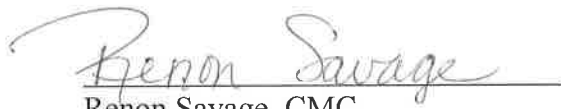
Councilmember Rowley moved to approve the resolution adopting the FY 2014-15 budget; second by Councilmember Cozzens; vote:

AYE: 5
NAY: 0
ABSTAINED: 0

APPROVE A RESOLUTION REVISING THE 2013-14 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET
– JASON NORRIS: Councilmember Black moved to approve the resolution revising the 2013-14 budget; second by Councilmember Marchant; vote:

AYE: 5
NAY: 0
ABSTAINED: 0

ADJOURN: Councilmember Marchant moved to adjourn and move into the RDA meeting at 6:37 p.m.; second by Councilmember Black; vote unanimous.


Renon Savage, CMC
City Recorder